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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PRESS MINIMIZES US ROLE IN ME DISENGAGEMENT

AGREEMENT

1. ROMANIAN PRESS COVERAGE HAS WELCOMED MIDDLE EAST DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BUT HAS DOWNPLAYED ROLE OF US DIPLOMACY. MOST AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIAL STATEMENT (JANUARY 20) TERMED ACCORD "RESULT OF MONTH'S LABORIOUS NEGOTIATIONS UNDER UN AUSPICES" WITHOUT MENTIONING SECRETARY KISSINGER. BULK OF COMMENT HAS VIEWED ACCORD AS JUSTIFYING ROMANIAN ME DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES AND STATEMENTS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS CASE WHERE ROMANIAN AND SOVIET COMMENTARY HAS FOR ONCE COINCIDED. ROMANIA'S RELUCTANCE PUBLICLY TO CELEBRATE SECRETARY'S PART IN TALKS, HOWEVER, PROBABLY STEMS NOT FROM DISPLEASURE AT US SUCCESS BUT FROM (1) FACT THAT ACKNOWLEDGING ONE SUPER POWER'S FEAT MAKES IT HARDER TO AVOID HAILING THE OTHER (USSR) ON FUTURE OCCASIONS, AND (2) DESIRE TO PROMOTE UN AS FORUM FOR MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO ATTEMPT BY PRESS TO INJECT THE USSR INTO NEGOTIATION EFFORTS.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, ROMANIAN SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS AND
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